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TOPIC Engineer Battalion Muehlhausen of KVP Division Erfurt

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. The Engineer Battalion Muehlhausen which is officially referred to as VPD Muehlhausen is stationed at an installation about 6 km west of Muehlhausen, immediately south of Pfafferode and is subordinate to KVP Division Erfurt. 1
2. Prior to 4 October 1953, the battalion entrained about 80 NCOs and EM. However, the unit was scheduled to be brought to a strength of 350 men by 15 October. Source learned from an officer that the unit was to be organized into a headquarters, 3 standard engineer companies, a 4th Company equipped with amphibian vehicles, and a technical company. Each of the three standard companies consisted of 3 platoons with 1 officer, 3 NCOs and 27 EM. 2
3. Officers assigned to the battalion included:
Captain Ritter (fnu), CO of the battalion;
Senior Lieutenant Kose (fnu), chief of staff;
Senior Lieutenant Fruehauf (fnu), deputy CO;
Senior Lieutenant Jaensch (fnu), technical officer;
Lieutenant Schaller (fnu), CO, 1st Company;
Lieutenant Kommhaus (fnu), CO, 4th Company;
Lieutenant Colonel Arnold (fnu), assigned to the division headquarters in Erfurt. 3
4. The unit was equipped with 2 motor boats and 17 pneumatic boats with a capacity of 6 men each and the normal engineer equipment.
1. Comment. According to other reports, the Engineer Battalion in Muehlhausen was formed from personnel made available by various engineer units, including the engineer battalion of former TV 5000 Schwerin. An infantry regiment of Bereitschaft Erfurt is also stationed in Muehlhausen.

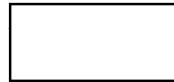
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2. [] Comment. The authorized strength of 350 men agrees with the known strength of other KVP engineer battalions. The intended organization as mentioned by source has been reported for the first time. Other engineer battalions are known to exist of only 4 companies, the fourth company containing elements of the 4th to 6th Companies mentioned in the present report.

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3. [] Comment. Captain Ritter was previously known as being the commanding officer of the engineer battalion.

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